(c) if so, what is the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The central outlay for the mining sector in the State Annual Plan 1985-86 for Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 6.20 crores. For 1986-87 it is Rs. 6.23 crores. The budgetary support from the Central Government to Singareni Collieries Company Limited was Rs. 54 crores in 1985-86. For 1986-87 it is Rs. 90.87 crores.

The outlays for the Captive Limestone and Dolomite Mines of Visakhapatnam Steel Project in Andhra Pradesh was about Rs. 12 crores in 1985-86.

Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited are engaged in geological survey and exploration of minerals in all States including Andhra Pradesh. Sponsored by GSI, National Mineral Development Corporation is carrying out processing work in Andhra Pradesh for diamonds, for which amount spent in 1985-86 was about Rs. 24 lakhs and during the current year the amount spent is about Rs. 11 lakhs (upto September, 1986). National Mineral Development Corporation is also doing exploration work for tungsten on behalf of Mineral Development Board. The amount spent for this work in 1985-86 was Rs. 0.78 lakhs and for 1986-87 the budget provision is Rs. 20 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for financial assistance for expeditious completion of the Yeleru Reservoir Scheme for supply of water to Visakhapatnam Steel Project. This has been approved, in principle.

गाया, बिहार के संरक्षित क्षेत्रों में खनन कार्य

3269. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री 22 मार्च 1984, को राज्य सभा में अतरांकित प्रश्न 2488 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गया, बिहार में सरंक्षित क्षेत्रों में खनन कार्य आरंभ करने के बारे में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार के संस्कृति विभाग के 12 मार्च, 1985 को बिहार गजट में एक अधिसूचना प्रकाशित करके रामशिला, प्रेतशिला और ब्रहमयोनि नामक संरक्षित पहाड़ियों के पूर्व विवरणों सहित, इनकी सीमा के बारे में एक अधिसूचना जारी कर दी थी और निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर किसी ने भी कोई आपत्ति नहीं की या सुझाव नहीं दिया ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार सभी आवश्यक कार्यवाही करने के बावजूद इन क्षेत्रों में अवैध खनन तथा विस्फोट द्वारा पहाड़ियों के विनाश को रोकने में असफल रही है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या शिक्षा विभाग-ने इस संध में राज्य सरकार से विचार विमर्श किया था, और उन गति-विधियों को रोकने के लिये कोई कार्यवाही की थी; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में खान विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा) :(क) से (ङ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Promotions in D.D.A.

3270. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Legal Assistants were recently promoted as Assistant Directors in DDA;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the remaining Legal Assistants are likely to be promoted as Assistant Directors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Panel Lawyers working with D.D.A.

3271. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of panel lawyers working with DDA on contract basis in the lower courts and High Courts;

(b) what is the criteria for their selection;

(c) what is the annual expenditure incurred on them for the years 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Legal Assistants working in D.D.A. have not been promoted for the last seven years to the post of Junior Law Officer even though there are vacancies and if so; by when the vacancies are likely to be filled up; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that DDA can save lakhs of rupees each year as infructuous expenditure on panel Lawyers in case the Legal Assistant of Department are promoted as Junior Law Officer replacing panel advocates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The DDA has one Standing Counsel and 13 Panel lawyers in the High Court and 6 Panel lawyers in District Courts.

(b) The criteria for selecting a panel lawyer is merit coupled with his standing/experience in the profession.

(c) The details are as follows:—

(i) Fixed retainership Fee (*in lakhs*)

1982-83	83-84	84-85	85-86
Rs. 1·61	Rs. 1·87	Rs. 1·92	Rs. 2·14

(ii) Fee paid to different lawyers/advocates (in lakhs)

1982-83	83-84	84-85	85-86
Rs. 5·16	Rs. 3·37	Rs. 7·11	Rs. 3·43

(d) According to the DDA, the post of Junior Law Officer has not been filled up pending finalisation of the recruitment rules for the same.

(e) This is not so. As the DDA cases generally involve heavy stakes, it is considered advisable by the DDA to engage lawyers of standing and experience who are up-to-date in case law. No infructuous expenditure is incurred on a Panel Lawyer. He is paid as per the schedule laid by the Central Government (Ministry of Law and Justice).